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Troops and Military Installations in and Around Cosel (Kozle)

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2. In 1954, a small ~~cantonment~~ of 4 wooden temporary buildings, which were occupied by ~~army~~ troops during the summer months, was located near Millowitz (P 51/X 96) village along the road from Millowitz to Czienskowitz (P 51/X 96). The cantonment was located opposite the sugar refinery and was occupied only during the summer.

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3. Prior to December 1954, a Militaerbezirksskommando (WKR) (Military district headquarters) was located on the southwest side of ul. 1-go Maja in Cosel. In 1954, members of the 1931 through 1934 classes were registered there. A member of the 1937 class, which was to be registered for service with the labor service was claimed by the Oder Shipping Company. 2

Troops in Poznan--Sołacz, Makoszowy and Hindenburg

4. In June and July 1953, 6 JS tanks and 2 of a smaller type, presumably of the T-34 type, were seen training on a tank training site north west of the kaserne on Ul. Gołecinska west of the railroad line in Poznan (P 53/X 26). The tanks practiced driving through ditches and other obstacles. The same tanks were repeatedly seen on their way to the kaserne. Several modern kaserne buildings with fresh plaster were located opposite the kaserne on the southwest side of ul. Gołecinska. Soldiers were seen in the windows of these quarters. 3
5. In the fall of 1953, brick barracks buildings along the Makoszowy (Q 51/Y 47) - Hindenburg (Q 51/Y 47) road just west of the railroad station in Makoszowy were occupied by Polish labor troops. The old wooden buildings had been torn down. Construction work was not completed. 4
6. In 1953, the area just west of the former Polizei Kaserne in Hindenburg was surrounded by a wall. Prior to that time, about four AA guns with rather long and thin barrels were parked there. Young soldiers wearing army uniform trained with the guns. In April 1954, the kaserne was still occupied. The guns could no longer be seen because of the wall. Until the spring of 1954, a special commissioner for air defense measures was employed at the Huta Zabrze enterprise. Employees of the plant received medical training and air defense instructions. 5
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